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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 09/606,314; Filed: June 29, 2000
For: **Dry Powder Cells and Cell Culture Reagents and Methods of Production Thereof**
Inventors: FIKE *et al.*
Our Ref: 0942.4290005/RWE/FRC

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/17);
2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1);
3. Reply to Restriction Requirement;
4. Fifth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
5. Listing of the cited documents on Form PTO-1449 (5 sheets);
6. A copy of each of the twenty-one (21) cited documents on Form PTO-1449;
7. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$420.00 to cover the extension of time fee; and
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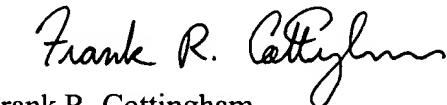
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